



City of Champions *Linda M. Balzotti- Mayor*

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Parking enforcement returns to Downtown Brockton ***BPA personnel to hit the streets Oct. 12***

BROCKTON – Mayor Linda M. Balzotti is pleased to announce that four new parking control officers will be on the streets in downtown Brockton beginning Tuesday, Oct. 12.

“It’s great to be able to get four residents to work in Brockton, for Brockton,” said Mayor Balzotti. “Hiring these parking control officers will allow downtown to be more accessible for people looking to patronize the variety of businesses in the area, as well as utilizing the services of the local agencies.”

The new parking control officers will be part-time employees of the Brockton Parking Authority.

“The primary goal of these positions is to re-establish order in the parking downtown,” said Parking Authority Executive Director Bob Malley. “The parking control officers will help to free up one and two-hour parking spots in front of downtown businesses and organizations.”

Brockton has not had personnel specifically dedicated parking enforcement since April of 2009. Since then, an ordinance change, approved by the City Council late this summer, moved parking enforcement under the jurisdiction of the Brockton Parking Authority. Parking enforcement had previously been administered by the Brockton Police Department.

The PCO’s will be responsible for approximately 1,200 parking spaces on street and in 18 municipal parking lots. They will cover the Main Street area from the Central Branch of the Old Colony YMCA, to Pleasant Street, and from Warren Avenue to Commercial Street.

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The new parking control officers will be equipped with new hand-held computers to issue tickets to parking violators. In the past, tickets had been handwritten. Prior to hitting the streets, the Parking Enforcement personnel participated in three days of training that included: an overview of Brockton's parking ordinances; customer service; and technology.

"This is one more step toward a more business-friendly downtown," said Balzotti.

For more information about the Parking Control Officers, contact the Mayor's Office at (508) 580-7123 or the Brockton Parking Authority at (508) 580-7842.

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